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1. In June 1952, the regular pay for personnel of the Chinese Communist Army was as follows:

Field army commander.....	JMP 1,760,000
Field army deputy commander.....	JMP 1,440,000
Field army staff officer.....	JMP 1,280,000
Army group commander.....	JMP 800,000
Army group deputy commander.....	JMP 720,000
Army group staff officer.....	JMP 640,000
Army commander.....	JMP 520,000
Army deputy commander.....	JMP 440,000
Division commander.....	JMP 360,000
Division deputy commander.....	JMP 280,000

2. In July the regular pay for personnel of regimental commander rank and lower was as follows:

Regiment commander.....	JMP 250,000
Battalion commander.....	JMP 200,000
Company commander.....	JMP 160,000
Platoon commander.....	JMP 110,000
Section leader.....	JMP 79,000
Private.....	JMP 57,000

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3. In addition to the regular pay, each officer and enlisted man of the Chinese Communist Army in Korea received a JPY 5,000 monthly combat allowance.

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Supplies for Chinese Communist Army Personnel [REDACTED]

4. As of 17 September each soldier in the Chinese Communist Army was issued the following articles for a year²: Eight pairs of cloth, rubber, or leather shoes; two unlined uniforms; one cotton uniform; one pair of underwear; four towels; and three pairs of socks. Cotton quilts were exchanged for new ones every three years. Army rations were drawn from the granary of the local government where the unit was stationed because there were no provisions depots or military granaries. Pay and food allowances were subject to monthly adjustment according to the purchasing power of the JPY.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. Compare [REDACTED] reported a pay scale in force in May 1952 which was somewhat lower than the scale given in this report. The lower scale was characterized by the defector at that time as a "low pay system" instituted because of widespread corruption.
2. [REDACTED] Comment. Possibly a more reasonable interpretation would be that this represents the yearly uniform allowance for each soldier.
3. [REDACTED] Comment. This office has received no previous reports of this method for drawing army rations. On the other hand, reports from several agencies have mentioned rice storage dumps and grain warehouses, presumably military in character.

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